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In re: Lee et al.

Serial No.: 10/046,805

Filed: January 14, 2002

For: METHODS OF FORMING METAL LAYERS IN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
DEVICES USING SELECTIVE ELECTROPLATING ON EDGES OF RECESSES  
AND CONDUCTIVE CONTACTS SO FORMED

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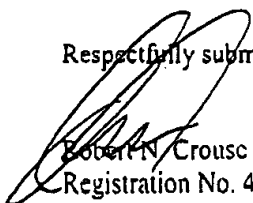
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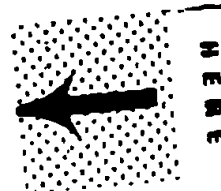
**REMARKS**

In response to the restriction requirement/election of species requirement in the Office Action of May 7, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Invention I and the species of Figures 2-5 with traverse, and requests examination of Claims 1-13, 34-41, and 60-62 which read thereon. Applicants respectfully request favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1-13, 34-41, and 60-62.

Applicants submit that, contrary to the assertion in the Office Action, at least Claim 1 is generic to species I and III. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge this generic nature of at least Claim 1 and withdraw the holding that Figures 6-8 illustrate a separate species from Species I as the Figures 6-8 illustrate latter steps to shown in Figures 2-5.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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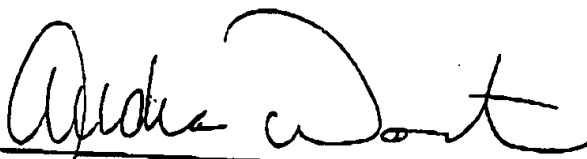


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